

The Hawaiian Star

DAILY AND SEMI-WEEKLY.

Published every afternoon (except Sunday) by the Hawaiian Star Newspaper Association, Limited.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

Local, per annum\$8.00
Foreign, per annum 12.00

Payable in advance.

Entered at Post Office at Honolulu, Hawaii, as second class mail matter.

Subscribers who do not get their papers regularly will confer a favor by notifying the Star Office; Telephone 365.

FRANK L. HOOFSMANAGER

FRIDAYMAY 31, 1907

End Of Famous Litigation

It has been announced again that the "Blythe Estate litigation is at last ended." This announcement has been made a good many times before, but somehow there was always a little more litigation. But this time it seems possible that it may really be ended as there are no more proceedings pending in any court touching the ownership of this property.

The Blythe estate litigation was one of the most remarkable series of suits, for such it was, to determine the ownership of a decedent's property, that ever was carried on in California, where such litigation has flourished as it never has anywhere else. California was settled by men from all over the world who came in a rush so that no inquiry was ever made of any man where he came from or who he was. Hence less was known of the pioneer inhabitants of California by their fellows than of the pioneers of probably any other state. Among these prisoners were many men who for various reasons were willing enough that their fellows should not know about where they came from or who they were. Some of these men amassed fortunes, and, dying, there was the whole field of the mystery surrounding their early years in California in which to delve for heirs. And it is surprising how much of this unknown previous life was unearthed in many of these cases. In some cases it seemed as though the whole life of the man was revealed in all its sordidness and all its ghastliness. It is surprising what a great spur to investigation a big estate is, and how much can be found out about a man's early history if any one has a monetary interest in finding out.

Thomas H. Blythe died in 1882, leaving a large estate largely in land, and so far as was generally known, no relatives. But he had not been long dead before three or four sets of heirs cropped up. There were the "Gypsy" Blythes, and the Kentucky Blythes, and several other sets of claimants who were bowled out early in the litigation. And finally there was Florence Blythe, alleged to be his illegitimate daughter, who was brought with her mother from England, to prosecute her claim. The financing of the claims of these various claimants was in itself something to challenge interest. In every case large sums had to be spent in looking up witnesses and evidence and records, and in bringing witnesses to San Francisco to testify. In the case of Florence Blythe she and her mother had to be supported during the years in which the litigation was carried on.

Florence Blythe was finally successful. There seems no doubt that she was the daughter of Thomas Blythe, though under the laws of California as they stood at the time of Thomas Blythe's death, that fact alone did not entitle her to the estate. In order to make her claim good her attorneys had to secure an amendment to the constitution of California and amendments to the law of descent and the law of evidence. That this was done successfully is a tribute to the energy and resourcefulness of the men who put up their money and contributed their brains to her fight, whatever it may be in regard to their scrupulousness.

There seems little doubt, that as the law and the relationship of the several parties stood at the time of Thomas Blythe's death, the property ought to have gone elsewhere than it did. There is no doubt that in the trial of the case there was much doubtful testimony introduced, and some doubtful decisions rendered. But the ultimate decision met with the approval of public sentiment. Florence Blythe was his daughter, and has grown up into an admirable woman. Her relationship and her helplessness appealed to the natural instincts of mankind. The claims of none of the other claimants so appealed. They were distant relatives, if relatives at all, and they stood in no such relation to the deceased as to give any kindly sympathy in the public for their claims.

An Anomalous Condition

The municipal government situation in San Francisco is anomalous. It is probably without a parallel anywhere. The Mayor is under indictment for bribery and is actually on trial. The members of the Board of Supervisors are confessed bribe-takers and act only on sufferance. What might in a sense be called "Government by Grand Jury," exists, though more accurately it is a government by Special Prosecutor, for Henry, the special prosecutor in the graft cases, is really the dictator of the city.

While Mayor Schmitz reiterates his innocence, the indictments have piled up against him until the bail required amounts almost to half a million dollars. It is probable that in his case there will be some proceeding not unlike that in the Ruef case. The curly boss after resorting to every device which ingenious lawyers could think of, to postpone his trial, finally, as soon as a jury had been secured, withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty.

Schmitz has signed a written agreement promising, in effect, to be guided wholly in the conduct of city affairs by a committee of seven appointed from various commercial organizations of San Francisco, among this committee being Mr. Dohrmann who is well known here, having isited Honolulu, and having been largely instrumental in the organization of the Honolulu Merchants' Association. But this committee has resigned and will not undertake the duties delegated to it because Special Prosecutor Henry and his coadjutor, the man behind the prosecution, Rudolph Spreckels, are not satisfied with all the members of the committee. They insist that some of them are under the influence of William F. Herrin and Patrick Calhoun—Herrin of the Southern Pacific and Calhoun of the United Railways—and they consider that these men are very largely responsible for the condition of affairs which the prosecution is trying to eradicate.

The members of the Board of Supervisors, though confessed bribe takers,—the very amounts and circumstances of the bribes they took being public property—are still allowed to retain their seats and carry on the public business, principally because to oust them and enter upon a campaign for the election of a new set would be to unnecessarily complicate matters, and perhaps lead to the defeat of the desired thoroughness of the prosecution, and partly because they have promised to be "good dogs" and to do what they are told—that is what Henry tells them to do. Henry's power to compel them to do what he thinks ought to be done arises out of his possession of the complete proofs, including their confessions, of their guilt, and the power his position gives him of controlling in some degree their punishment.

Thus for the time being, though the machinery of government remains as it was, the complete control of the machinery rest in the hands

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU.

MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY.

Station, Honolulu, T. H.; month, April, 1907.

Date	Max.	Min.	Mean	Precip.	Ch't'r
1.....	76	67	72	.02	Clear
2.....	78	67	72	.17	Pt Cldy
3.....	78	68	73	.01	Pt Cldy
4.....	78	70	74	0	Clear
5.....	78	66	72	0	Clear
6.....	79	66	72	0	Clear
7.....	75	66	70	.02	Pt Cldy
8.....	72	64	68	0	Clear
9.....	74	63	68	.03	Pt Cldy
10.....	75	64	70	.01	Pt Cldy
11.....	76	65	70	0	Clear
12.....	78	66	72	0	Clear
13.....	78	66	72	0	Clear
14.....	80	66	73	0	Clear
15.....	79	68	74	0	Clear
16.....	80	69	74	.13	Clear
17.....	81	69	75	0	Pt Cldy
18.....	77	68	72	.02	Pt Cldy
19.....	74	67	70	.64	Pt Cldy
20.....	75	67	71	0	Clear
21.....	76	65	70	0	Clear
22.....	75	64	70	0	Pt Cldy
23.....	77	63	70	0	Pt Cldy
24.....	76	65	70	0	Clear
25.....	77	67	72	0	Pt Cldy
26.....	78	68	73	.04	Pt Cldy
27.....	81	67	74	0	Pt Cldy
28.....	80	66	73	.13	Pt Cldy
29.....	78	66	72	0	Pt Cldy
30.....	80	70	75	0	Pt Cldy

Mean.....77.2 66.3 71.8 0.64

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.

(Reduced to sea level; inches and hundredths.)
Mean, 30.05; highest, 30.18; date, 5th; lowest, 29.95; date, 18th.

TEMPERATURE.

Highest, 81; date, 27th; lowest, 63; date, 23rd.

Greatest daily range, 14; date, 28th. Least daily range, 7; date, 19th.

Mean for this month in 1890, 74; 1891, 73; 1892, 75; 1893, 75; 1894, 73; 1895, 73; 1896, 74; 1897, 74; 1898, 71; 1899, 73; 1900, 73; 1901, 74; 1902, 72; 1903, 72; 1904, 73; 1905, 72; 1906, 74; 1907, 72.

Mean of this month for 18 years, 73.2. Absolute maximum for this month for 18 years, 86.

Absolute minimum for this month 18 years, 39.

Average daily excess (+) or deficiency (—) of this month as compared with mean of 18 years, —1.4.

Accumulated excess (+) or deficiency (—) since January 1, +32.

Average daily excess (+) or deficiency (—) since January 1, +0.3.

PRECIPITATION.

Total this month, 0.64.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 1.52; 1875, 1.44; 1879, 2.50; 1880, 1.52; 1881, 2.73; 1882, 1.52; 1883, 0.75; 1884, 2.32; 1885, 5.71; 1886, 0.94; 1887, 3.05; 1888, 3.12; 1889, 2.25; 1890, 7.95; 1891, 1.13; 1892, 1.73; 1893, 2.23; 1894, 2.92; 1895, 2.15; 1906, 0.15; 1907, 0.64.

Average of this month for 21 years, 2.23.

Excess (+) or deficiency (—) of this month as compared with average of 21 years, —1.69.

Accumulated excess (+) or deficiency since January 1, +8.12.

WIND.

Prevailing direction, NE; total movement, 6382 miles; average hourly velocity, 9.7; maximum velocity (for five minutes) 29 miles per hour, from NE, on 4th; av. rel. humid., 66.4 per cent.

of Special Prosecutor Henry. For the time being he is the supreme dictator.

Yet there are limitations and checks on his power. These he seems to be beginning to find in public sentiment. The cable this morning announces that he complains that there is not such ardor as there should be for the punishment of the wrong-doers. It is to be hoped that what seems the best chance San Francisco has ever had for a thorough cleaning of its affairs will not be lost nor allowed to fall short of its best possibilities by reason of any easy complaisance on the part of public sentiment, or any feeling of pity for those who have been caught in Burr's trap.

Herrin, whose malign influence Henry and Rudolph Spreckels do not hesitate to speak out against, has for many years been an influence in San Francisco and California politics; and his influence has always been looked on as sinister. Calhoun has never been a resident of San Francisco. He is a New York man who is president of the United Railways of San Francisco because he represents the New York stockholders. He is undoubtedly a man of wonderful force and ability though there seems strong evidence that much that he has accomplished for his stockholders has been accomplished through corrupt methods.

Just at the present time the labor unions seem likely to do a great deal for Calhoun and for others, like him believed to have been guilty of corrupt practices, by the violence with which they are conducting the strike of employees of the San Francisco street railways. Because of this violence it is to be feared that public sentiment, alienated from the strikers may in its reaction swing too far, and interfere with the full disclosure and punishment of corrupt practices of which Calhoun and others may have been guilty.

At any rate the situation in San Francisco is unique.

There seems to be a difference between President Roosevelt and the Grand Army of the Republic as to where the flag should be on Memorial Day. In its notices of its Memorial Day observance the local post of the Grand Army stated that flags should be at half mast. On the Capitol building yesterday, according to an order issued by President Roosevelt some time ago, the flag was at the top of the flag-staff and not at half mast. It is to be hoped that the difference will

not lead to any more Bellamy Storer or similar incidents.

This is the first anniversary of the marriage of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain.

That was a very pretty sentiment that dictated strewing flowers on the waters of the ocean yesterday at San Francisco in memory of the nation's dead which the sea holds in its embrace.

The post office department may have

Sponges Chamois Bath Brushes Bath Gloves

A LARGE VARIETY.

If in need of anything in this line inspect our stock.

RIGHT PRICES.

**HOLLISTER
DRUG CO.**
ESTABLISHED 1879.

SWIMMING, BOWLING, TURKISH BATHS AND PHYSICAL CULTURE at

HOTEL BATHS
HOURS 7 A. M. TO 10 P. M.

From the Equator To Cool Labrador

THE TRIP WOULD APPEAL TO YOU IN THIS WEATHER. VERY WELL. TELEPHONE US AND WE WILL PUT AN ELECTRIC FAN IN YOUR OFFICE. YOU WILL FEEL IN COOL-LAND THEN.

Hawaiian Electric Co., Ltd.
King Street near Alakea Phone Main 390

NEW GOODS JUST RECEIVED BY

C. R. COLLINS
King Street near Fort.
PHONE MAIN 427.

WEATHER.

Number of days, clear, 13; partly cloudy, 17; cloudy, 0; on which .01 inch, or more, of precipitation occurred, 12. MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA. (Dates of).

Auroras, none; halos: solar, none; lunar, none; halo, none; sleet, none; fog, none; thunderstorms, none. Note: "T" indicates trace of precipitation.

WM. B. STOCKMAN,
Section Director, Weather Bureau

STEINWAY
STARR AND OTHER PIANOS.
THAYER PIANO CO.
136 Hotel St., Opp. Young Hotel.
Phone Main 218.
TUNING GUARANTEED.

EL TORO
Cigar par Excellence
5 Cents
Hayselden Tobacco Co.
DISTRIBUTORS

NEW OAHU CARRIAGE MANUFACTURING CO.

Any kind of repair work on carriages. Korses shoes. No. 1179 Silver street, Honolulu.

Catton, Neill & Co. LIMITED

Engineers, Machinists, Blacksmiths and Boiler-makers.
First class work at reasonable rates.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.

THIS IS ONE OF MANY
OF

**McCall's
Patterns**

On Sale at

E. W. Jordan & Co. LIMITED.



JUST RECEIVED!

OLD VIRGINIA CORN RELISH

NICELLE OLIVE OIL

WHITE LABEL OLIVES—Queen Olives both in bottles and in bulk. Also Pim-Olas. Our stock of Olives and Olive Oil from the Seville Packing Co. is complete. These goods are of the highest quality.

Henry May & Co., Ltd

Wholesale 92 PHONES 22 Retail

Monopole Champagne
(Red Top. Extra Dry.)

The Perfection of a Champagne that You Don't Feel Next Morning.

Lewis & Co., Ltd.

169 KING STREET. : : : TELEPHONE 240.
Sole Distributors for the Hawaiian Islands.

TYPEWRITER GOSSIP

Miss Novice—I like that—what is its name? I can't think now! but, that visible machine.

Mr. Experience—Call it what you are a mind to! Give me the Old Reliable REMINGTON TYPEWRITER.

Sold by

Hawaiian Office Specialty COMPANY

931 Fort Street : : Tel. Main 148

SPECTACLES AND EYE GLASSES

**Don't Neglect
The Care of
Your Eyes**

Consult us if your Eyes trouble you. We will prescribe the proper Glasses which will give you instant and permanent relief.

Our Optical Department is complete with factory on the premises.

H. F. Wichman & Co., Ltd.

LEADING JEWELERS
AND
OPTICIANS

A Summer Proposition

Well, now, there's the

ICE QUESTION!

You know you'll need ice, you know it is a necessity in hot weather. We believe you are anxious to get that ice which will give you satisfaction, and we'd like to supply you. Order from

THE OAHU ICE AND ELECTRIC CO.

Telephone 3151 Blue. P. O. Box 600.

Telephone Main 101. P. O. Box 683.

HARRY ARMITAGE

Stock and Bond Broker...

Member of Honolulu Stock and Bond Exchange.

Few shares of following stocks for sale: Pioneer Mill Co., Oahu Sugar Co., Ewa Plantation Co., Hawaiian Sugar Co., Wai'alua Agricultural Co., Etc.

Office, Campbell Block—Merchant St. Honolulu, T. H.



SHEU LUN

MERCHANT TAILOR.

Suits Made to Order.

Best Linen Duck and Silk Pongee. All Suits in the Latest Style. 1006 Nuuanu, near King, P. O. Box 947.

MATRESSES

J. HOPP & CO.

LEWERS & COOKE BUILDING
King Street.